

# Public school board chair given Award of Distinction

Chair Ethel Gardiner was given the Halton District School Board's Award of Distinction at the March 20 board meeting.

A long-time teacher and currently in her fifth term as board chair, the Georgetown resident was surprised by the honour.

Ms Gardiner was a teacher for 39 years, 29 of those in Halton and the majority, 18 years, at Robert Little School in Acton.

She also taught in Northern Ontario, Quebec and New

Brunswick. Milton Trustee Erica Andrew praised Ms Gardiner for her dedication to student learning, her peace-keeping



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and guidance duties as board chair and her role in developing a policy governance model for trustees.

"I really feel like I should be retiring after that," Ms Gardiner said in reacting to Ms Andrew's kind words.

The board chair received, as a gift, a symbolic school bell that she long coveted and which used to be given to award winners.

Award winners now get a crystal apple.

# Dateline

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### Saturday Mar. 30 - 31

The Milton Skating Club presents its bi-annual **Carnival** at John Tonelli Sports Centre. The theme is 'Celebrating 100 years of Disney'. The show takes place Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

### Tuesday Apr. 2

Halton Healthcare Services presents 'Colorectal Cancer: What you need to know' at Milton District Hospital. Keynote speakers include Dr. Gulshan Sawhney and Dr. Jeff Kolbasnik. To reserve a seat, call (905) 338-4379.

Improve communication and leadership skills with the **Milton Toastmasters**. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion, 21 Charles St. (upper level), at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Sue at (905) 876-2563.

Do you have a new baby? **Calling New**

**Parents**, a free program for parents and babies six months and younger, meets with a public health nurse to discuss parenting and infant care. The group meets at the Milton Community Resource Centre, 917 Nipissing Rd., from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, call (905) 693-4242, ext. 7899.

**Help for Parents**, a parent support group, meets at Pinelands Presbyterian Church, 5270 New St. in Burlington, at 7:30 p.m. This non-denominational self-support group helps parents of children who are in trouble at home, at school or with the law or who are abusive or taking drugs. For more information, call (416) 251-0233 (days) or (905) 842-1729 (evenings).

The Peel/Halton **Vaginal Birth After Cesarean-Cesarean Awareness Group** (VBAC-CA) provides support and topical discussions. For location, call (905) 873-2779 or (905) 469-8599.

### Wednesday Apr. 3

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre's **Computer Club** meets at 1:30 p.m. New are members welcome. For information, call (905) 875-1681.

### Thursday Apr. 4

The Canadian Federation of University Women — Milton and District, presents 'Pesticide Awareness in Milton' at Hugh Foster Hall at 7:30 p.m. For information, call (905) 878-2421.

The Town of Milton presents an information session regarding the **2002 Milton Community Fund** at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., at 7 p.m.

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., holds **Seniors' Cinemas** at 1:30 p.m. The cost of the movie is \$1.

## CORRECTION NOTICE

Due to an error in the **Herbal Magic Ad** on Tues. Mar. 26, 2002, the advertisement should have read;

*Special Offer "Lose all you weight for \$1/lb."* has been held over until **Apr. 1, 2002.**

The Canadian Champion apologizes for any inconvenience we may have caused.

## Park master plan subject of meeting

The Community Services Department of the Town of Milton will host a public open house for the Rotary Park Master Plan April 22 and 24 at the Milton Leisure Centre.

The public is invited to review the Master Plan from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call Jeff at (905) 878-7252, ext. 2169.

## Volunteers needed to teach reading

Literacy North Halton is looking for volunteers to tutor adults with reading, spelling, writing, math and basic computers.

No teaching experience is necessary.

If you can commit to three hours per week to tutoring, call (905) 873-2200.

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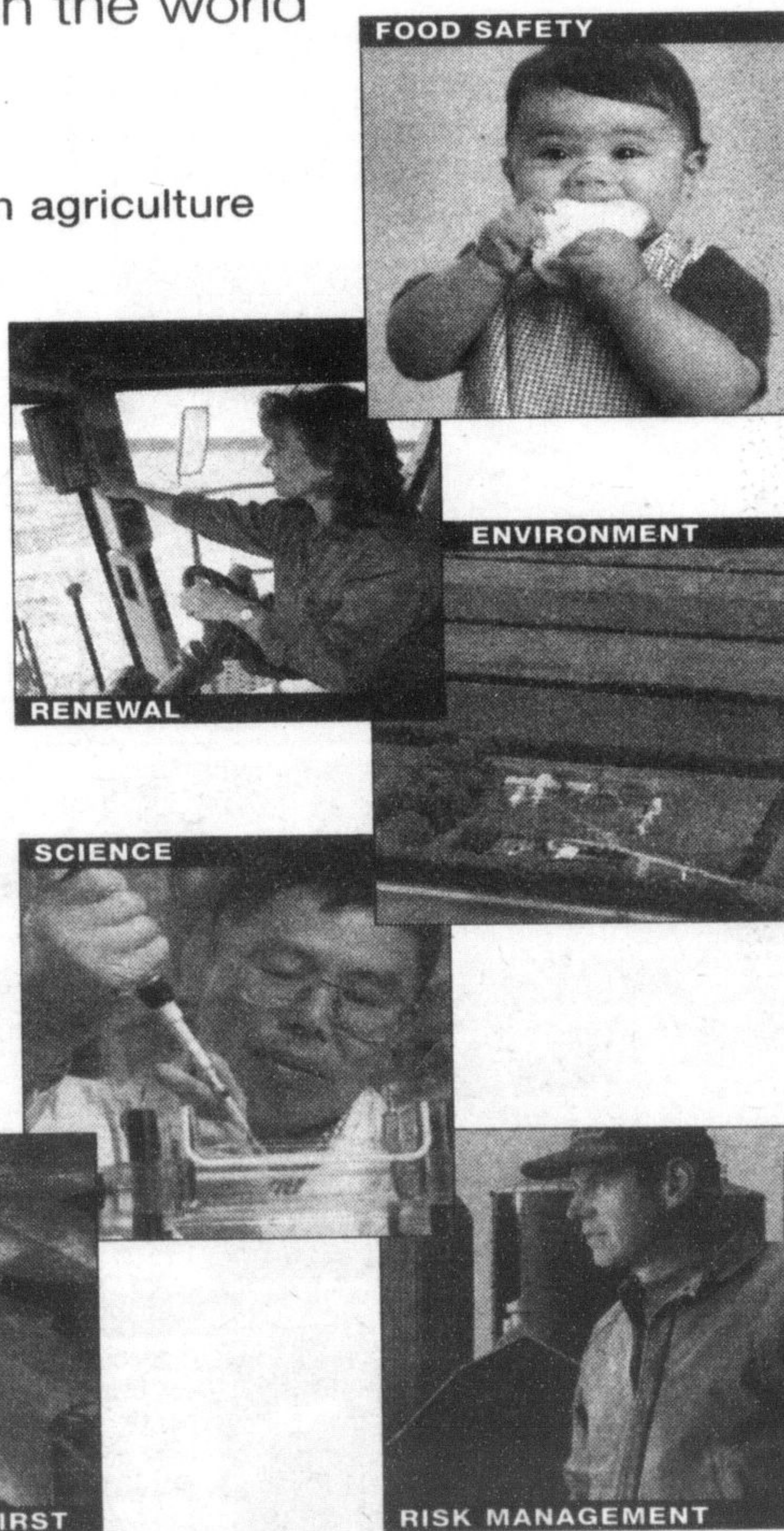
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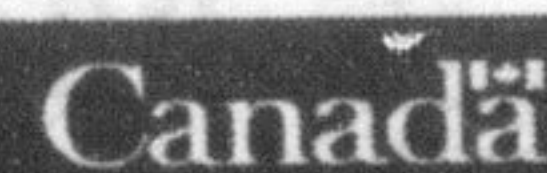
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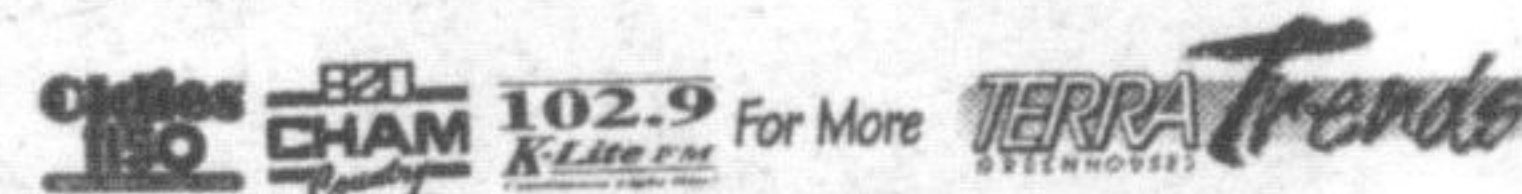
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**LLOYD MOORE in attendance**  
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**1 - 4 P.M.**  
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